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SUBJECT: 59 ECOSOC-AGENDA ITEM 22 (CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND
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1. TRANSMITTED BELOW IS A DRAFT RESOLUTION THIS SUBJECT
WHICH IS BEING PEDDLED BY MR. GROS OF FRANCE. (GROS
IS LONG TIME FRENCH EXPERT ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
AND HAS COME TO ECOSOC AT HIS OWN EXPENSE TO PUSH
THE ITEM.) ACCORDING TO GROS ROMANIA HAS AGREED
TO PRESENT RESOLUTION AND SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES
HAVE AGREED TO COSPONSOR. HE ALSO SAYS THAT THE
ONLY OPPOSITION HE HAS ENCOUNTERED IS FROM THE
SECRETARIAT ITSELF. OFFICIAL FRENCH DEL HAS EMPHASIZED
TO US THAT GROS IS ACTING IN HIS PERSONAL CAPACITY,
THAT DRAFT RESOLUTION HAS NO OFFICIAL STATUS IN THEIR
EYES, AND THAT FRENCH DEL UNINSTRUCTED ON QUESTION.
NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT
THE DRAFT MAY BE PRESENTED UNDER AGENDA ITEM 22,
US USDEL WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS.

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2. BEGIN TEXT

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING RESOLUTION 1897 (LVII) ON THE QUESTION OF CONVENING A
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,

REAFFIRMING THAT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAN, PARTICULARLY THROUGH ITS
APPLICATION, MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELL-BEING OF MANKIND
AND THAT IT CONSTITUTES ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEANS OF PROGRESS
IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

CONSIDERING THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE ENVISAGED CONFERENCE DEPENDS
ESSENTIALLY ON DETAILED AND CAREFUL PREPARATION,

1. EMPHASIZES ONCE AGAIN THAT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SHOULD PLAY
AN EMINENT ROLE IN THE UNITED NATIONS;

2. DECIDES TO CONSIDER AT ITS FORTHCOMING ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION
THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING ON THE AGENDA OF ITS 60TH SESSION, WITH
THE VIEW TO REACHING A DECISION IN PRINCIPLE, THE QUESTION OF CON-
VENING A UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SO AS
TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR THE PREPARATORY WORK, WHILE THE 61ST SESSION
OF THE COUNCIL REMAINS IN CHARGE OF EXAMINING THE OBJECTIVES,
SUBJECTS AND AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE;

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN PLANNING
THE CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES, AND IN DEROGATING FROM THE GENERAL
PRINCIPLE OF BIENNIAL SESSIONS, THE NEED TO HOLD MEETINGS OF THE COM-
PETENT SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE COUNCIL AT MORE FREQUENT INTERVALS
WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING EFFECTIVE PREPARATION FOR THE PROPOSED
CONFERENCE. DALE

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